

Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting

Transit Van Maintenance Facility Conference Room
4:30-6:00 p.m., December 12, 2012

Discussion Highlights & Points of Agreement:

Attendance - Plan Steering Committee:

Bob Aldrich, Peggy Elliott, Sue Erwin, Shawn Farney, David Foster, Bryan Frye, Julie Hedrick, Dustin Kuhn, Michelle Lytle, Jesse McCurry, John McKay, Cindy Miles, Mitch Mitchell, Tim Norton, Randall Oliver, Chris Owen, Jim Skelton, Kurt Yowell.

Attendance - Project Staff:

Stephen Banks, Dave Barber, Scott Knebel, Jess McNeely, John Schlegel, Scott Wadle

1. Welcome and Introductions -

The meeting was called to order by Dave Barber. Project staff and steering committee members proceeded to introduce themselves.

2. Nomination & Election of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair -

Barber reviewed the roles and expectations of the Committee Chair and Vice-Chair. Following some discussion and a call for nominations, the committee members unanimously voted to appoint Peggy Elliot as Chair, and Shawn Farney as Vice-Chair of the Plan Steering Committee.

3. Review MAPD Staff Track Record on Prior W-SC Population Forecasting -

Stephen Banks reviewed a table that compared MAPD population projections for Wichita-Sedgwick County in 2000 and 2010 with the actual Census totals for these decades. The variance between projected and actual population totals ranged from 0.4% to -7.4%.

4. Discussion of Mega-Regions Map and Implications for Wichita-Sedgwick County -

Recognizing that Wichita-Sedgwick County must compete with other communities and regions, staff and Committee members discussed Wichita's competitiveness in the context of academic research that depicts the evolution of 11 'mega-regions' by the year 2050. Dustin Kuhn mentioned he had seen a slightly different version of this map that positioned Wichita within a future I-35 economic corridor. Some thought that being a right-to-work state bode well for Wichita's future economic prospects.

5. Review and Comment on Discussion Brief #1 -

Committee members discussed a brief prepared by MAPD staff that identifies two important indicators of a different and challenging future for Wichita-Sedgwick County. These indicators are the growing gap between the rising fixed costs of maintaining our public assets and slowing revenue streams for local government; and, uncertain rates and patterns of future growth/development.

Committee members suggested the importance of creating a future community that people want to live in, supporting a range of housing choices, reusing what assets we have, attracting/retaining young people, creating new industry/employment, and strengthening our city core areas.

6. Discussion on WSU's Draft Community-wide Survey -

A summary sheet containing committee member comments received to-date on the survey was reviewed by the Committee. Cindy Miles thought some questions are double-barreled – where people may agree with one aspect but not another. Barber indicated that all comments from the Committee will be forwarded to Mark Glaser from WSU for his consideration, but noted that final

approval of the WSU survey questions rests with the city and county managers. It was agreed that any additional Committee member comments on the survey need to be emailed to Dave Barber no later than December 19th. Barber will then compile the individual comments received and email them on to Mark Glaser.

7. Review Project Timeline and Community Engagement Efforts -

Barber reviewed the project timeline for the next several months identifying specific community engagement events scheduled thus far. Shawn Farney mentioned that it will also be important to get the governing bodies more engaged in this process. Tim Norton emphasized the importance of coordinating with other various planning initiatives currently underway (REAP sustainability plan and Visioneering's Priority Project).

8. Set Next Steering Committee Meeting -

It was agreed that the next Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 23, 4:15-5:45 p.m. at the Transit Van Maintenance Facility Conference Room. All future meetings will start at 4:15 p.m. rather than 4:30 p.m., in order to better accommodate other meeting commitments of some Committee members.

9. Other Business -

None

10. Comments from Public Attendees –

None

11. Adjourned -

5:50 p.m.